DIRECTOR’S NOTES

We had a great day in our first week of rehearsal for this production of Colours In The Storm, when the members of this company were joined by the cast of the original 1990 Muskoka Festival production. It was a magical few hours. The Sheridan students had an opportunity to talk to and learn from the people who had first created the roles the students were about to play. We had a great conversation about the process of creation, the actors’ role in developing new work, the ongoing push and pull between the actor and the author about what needs to be spoken or unspoken in defining a character’s journey. One of the challenges for young actors is learning to create rather than recreate roles, to bring their own individual strengths and passions to a part that may have been played by dozens or hundreds of other actors before them.

Stephanie and Stephen and Suzanne and I challenged the students in this production to be daring in their choices. Some of them literally created their own characters. The show is about the creative process, so it was exciting to watch the students explore that with determination, bravery and joy.

Thanks to Jonathan Whittaker, Ralph Small, Shane McPherson, Suzanne Bennett and Patrick Young. Additional thanks to Michael Ayoub and The Muskoka Festival, Michael Rubinoff, Greg Peterson and everyone at Sheridan College, Jeffrey Huard, Wayne Strongman, and Catherine Knights.

The services of Jim Betts and Stephanie Graham by special permission of the Canadian Actors’ Equity Association.

Still photos, videotaping or any other type of recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

CAST

Martin Bletcher......................................................Corey Agnew
Annie Fraser..........................................................Miranda Atkinson
Marc Trainor.......................................................Emily Aver
Lawren Harris......................................................Addison Becker
Larry Dixon..........................................................Curtis Brown
Wild Mary...........................................................Camila Diaz-Varela
Hugh Trainor......................................................Kyle Dolphin
Mark Robinson.....................................................James Frantowski
James MacCallum.................................................Matthew Fuller
Bessie Bletcher.....................................................Chelsey MacLean
Catherine.....................................................................Ali Mancuso
Tom Thomson......................................................Trevor Patt
Winnie Trainor.....................................................Anne Potter
Maggie.................................................................Jade Repeta
Frances McGillivray..............................................Claire Rouleau
Alice Lambert.......................................................Jenny Weisz
Daphne Crombie...................................................Erin Winsor
Shannon Fraser ....................................................Adrian Zeyl

Jade Repeta - Assistant Choreographer & Dance Captain
Addison Becker - Assistant Choreographer
Camila Diaz-Varela—Vocal Captain
Anne Potter—Fight Captain
TECHNICAL CREW

Stage Manager..........................Luke Dobson
Assistant Stage Manager..........Leslie Butler
Carpentry Crew..................Eric Bennett, David Cook, Jacob Gow, Holly Marshall, David O’Dwyer, Catherine Soulliere
Head Electrician.....................James Walsh
Lighting Crew ......................Dylan Eadie, Dalton Grant, Michael Sorowka
Properties Crew.....................Melissa Arsenault, Megan Cummings, Mary Davidson, Caroline Hunt, Eden Mader, Jessica Richard
Scenic Paint Crew...............Nancy Kapodistrias, Drew Lindeman, Kristen McCormick, Sashin Naidu, Phillip Reist
Wardrobe Crew.....................Darcie Kaster, Matthew Leckie, Jessica MacDuff, Ellen Roach, Keith Roberts
Technical Assistants..........Gideon Ayesu, Dylan Eadie, Alex Mondesire–Caetano, Michael Sorowka

RUNNING CREW

Crew Chief.........................Jenna Laki
Lighting Board Operator.......James Walsh
Dresser...............................Darcie Kaster

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1
- Algonquin
- The Girl With Thunder in Her Hair
- Over The Dam
- Thunderhead
- The One That Got Away
- Wildflowers
- Northern River
- Still Waters/White Water
- Comes The Time

ACT 2
- The Algonquin Breakdown
- The Evening Sky
- Colours In The Storm
- The West Wind
- Spring Ice
- Northern River Reprise

Directed by Jim Betts
Associate Director and Choreography by Stephanie Graham
Musical Direction by Stephen Woodjets
Additional Direction by Suzanne Bennett
Set Design by Denise Lisson
Costume Design by David Juby
Lighting Design by Sandra Marcroft